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EPA AND DOE ANNOUNCE FUEL ECONOMY LEADERS FOR 2003 MODEL YEAR CARS

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Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman and Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham today announced the 28th annual mpg estimates for 2003 passenger vehicles. For the third year in a row, the Honda Insight and Toyota Prius hybrid electric vehicles continue to be the fuel economy leaders. In addition to being fuel-efficient, these vehicles are also among the cleanest vehicles available.

"The fuel economy guide allows consumers to make informed purchasing decisions about what kind of gas mileage a new vehicle gets during normal usage," said Whitman. "By choosing more efficient models, people will not only save themselves money at the pump, they will help improve the quality of our environment. I believe that when people are provided the information this guide contains, they will make smart decisions that benefit both their checkbook and the air we all breathe."

"The DOE and EPA have joined forces to provide clear, unbiased information to help car-buyers choose the most fuel-efficient vehicle that meets their needs," Secretary Abraham said. "By driving a more fuel-efficient vehicle, a vehicle powered by alternative fuels, or even by driving our current vehicles more efficiently, we can all do our part to reduce our nation's reliance on imported oil and strengthen our energy security."

A joint EPA and Department of Energy web site, www.fueleconomy.gov, provides detailed information on vehicle fuel economy, including a complete version of the Fuel Economy Guide. The site includes fuel economy information going back to 1985, which can be helpful for buying used cars. The website also includes emissions and safety data for model year 2003 vehicles as well as fuel-saving tips for drivers. The printed version of the "2003 Fuel Economy Guide" will be available at car dealerships, public libraries and credit unions later this fall.

Fuel economy estimates are determined by averaging numbers gathered through tests conducted by manufacturers and verified by EPA. Vehicles are tested in a controlled setting and the results are adjusted to reflect actual driving conditions. All vehicles are tested in the same way so consumers can compare the results when choosing a vehicle type or class. The miles-per-gallon ratings appear on window stickers on all new cars and light trucks prior to sale. Consumers can use this information to identify the most fuel efficient vehicles to purchase.

EPA has also posted the 2003 models on the Green Vehicle Guide website to give consumers a full picture of fuel economy and automobile emissions. Consumers can use this guide to locate the cleanest and most fuel efficient vehicle that meets their needs. To access this guide, visit: www.epa.gov/greenvehicles.

Attached are the 2003 fuel economy leaders overall and by class as well as the lowest fuel economy models.

**2003 MODEL YEAR
FUEL ECONOMY LEADERS**

	<u>Manufacturer/Model</u>	<u>City/Highway</u>
1.	Honda Insight (hybrid electric, manual)	61/68
2.	Honda Insight (hybrid electric, automatic)	57/56
3.	Toyota Prius (hybrid electric, automatic)	52/45
4.	Honda Civic Hybrid (hybrid electric, automatic)	48/47
5.	Honda Civic Hybrid (hybrid electric, manual)	46/51
6.	Volkswagen Jetta Wagon (diesel, manual)	42/50
7.	Volkswagen New Beetle (diesel, manual)	42/49
7.	Volkswagen Golf (diesel, manual)	42/49
7.	Volkswagen Jetta (diesel, manual)	42/49
8.	Toyota Echo (manual)	35/43
9.	Volkswagen Golf (diesel, automatic)	34/45
9.	Volkswagen Jetta (diesel, automatic)	34/45
9.	Volkswagen Jetta Wagon (diesel, automatic)	34/45
10.	Volkswagen New Beetle (diesel, automatic)	34/44

**Highest Fuel Economy by Vehicle Class
2003 Model Year**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>MPG city/highway</u>
Two Seater	Honda Insight (hybrid electric)	61/68
Minicompact Car	BMW Mini Cooper	28/37
Subcompact Car	Volkswagen New Beetle (diesel, manual)	42/49
Compact Car	Toyota Prius (hybrid electric)	52/45
Midsize Car	Honda Accord	26/34
Large Car	Chevrolet Impala	21/32
Small Station Wgn	Volkswagen Jetta Wagon (diesel)	42/50
Midsize Station Wgn	Ford Focus Station Wagon (manual)	27/36
Sport Utility Vehicle	Toyota RAV4 2WD (manual)	25/31
Minivan	Dodge Caravan 2WD	21/27
	Chrysler Voyager/Town & Country 2WD	"
Pickup Truck	Ford Ranger Pickup 2WD	24/29
	Mazda B2300 2WD	"
Cargo Van	Chevrolet Astro 2WD	17/23
	GMC Safari 2WD	"
Passenger Van	Chevrolet Astro 2WD	16/20
	GMC Safari 2WD	"

**2003 MODEL YEAR
LOWEST FUEL ECONOMY MODELS***

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>City/Highway</u>
1.	Ferrari Enzo Ferrari	8/12
2.	Lamborghini L-147 Murcielago	9/13
3.	Bentley Arnage	10/14
3.	Bentley Arnage LWB	10/14
4.	Ferrari 456 MGT/MGTA	10/15
5.	Ferrari 360 Modena Spider (automatic)	10/16
5.	Ferrari 575 M Maranello (manual)	10/16
5.	Ferrari 456 MGT/MGTA (manual)	10/16
6.	Ferrari 575 M Maranello (automatic)	10/17
7.	Bentley Continental R	11/16
7.	Bentley Azure	11/16
7.	Bentley Continental T	11/16
7.	Ferrari 360 Modena Spider (manual)	11/16
8.	Maserati Cambio Corsa Coupe	11/17
8.	Maserati Cambio Corsa Spider	11/17
9.	Aston Martin DB-7 Vantage Coupe	11/18
9.	Aston Martin DB-7 Vantage Volante	11/18
10.	Cadillac Escalade AWD	12/16
10.	GMC K1500 Yukon AWD	12/16
10.	Land Rover Discovery Series II	12/16
10.	Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup 4WD	12/16
10.	GMC K1500 Sierra Denali AWD	12/16
10.	Ford F150 2WD	12/16

*Trucks over 8500 pounds gross vehicle weight rating are exempt from federal fuel economy requirements

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2003 Model Year**

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Two Seater	Ferrari Enzo Ferrari	8/12
Minicompact Car	Aston Martin DB-7 Vantage Coupe	11/18
	Aston Martin DB-7 Vantage Volante	"
Subcompact Car	Ferrari 456 MGT/MGTA	10/15
Compact Car	Bentley Continental R	11/16
Midsize Car	Bentley Arnage	10/14
Large Car	Bentley Arnage LWB	10/14
Small Station Wagon	BMW 540I Sport Wagon	17/21
Midsize Station Wagon	Audi S6 Avant	15/21
Sport Utility Vehicle	Cadillac Escalade AWD	12/16
	Cadillac Escalade Ext AWD	"
	GMC K1500 Yukon AWD	"
	GMC K1500 Yukon XL AWD	"
	Land Rover Discovery Series II	"
Minivan	Kia Sedona	15/20
Pickup Truck	Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup 4WD	12/16
	GMC K1500 Sierra Denali AWD	"
Cargo Van	Dodge Ram Van 2500 2WD	13/14
Passenger Van	GMC H1500 Savana Pass Van AWD	13/17
	Ford E150 Club Wagon	"
	Chevrolet H1500 Chevy Express AWD	"

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